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2. Polish port authorities, after discovering that workers on cranes had helped several persons to escape by lifting them onto cargo vessels, posted a guard near each crane. Laborers have been instructed not to start loading until the arrival of the guards, who check thoroughly everything which is loaded on the vessel.² The ship is also meticulously checked before sailing, but often people go aboard on the high seas from fishing boats. Measures have been taken so that every fisherman caught outside his boundary is considered either a smuggler or a partner in a smuggling deal.
3. Polish port authorities permit organized tours and at times visits on ships. These are sometimes used as a means of escape. It is possible for a person to leave the group and to remain in the port or on the ship so long as on exit the number of persons in the group corresponds to the number who entered. This is usually achieved with the help of someone having a permanent entrance permit to the port, who joins the touring group on exit.

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